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LIGHT IT UP BLUE

Flanked by students, doing their part to help, Haliburton Highlands Secondary School's interim vice-principal Dave Waito brings a mealworm up to his mouth as an "incentive" to raise money for the Autism Speaks Light it Up Blue campaign to show support and raise awareness about the neurological disorder. See more on page 2.
DARREN LUM Staff

Girls create the perfect Storm, win championship

DAN MARSDEN

Head coach Girls Storm

The Minden Car Quest Auto Midget B girls hockey team travelled to Mississauga this past weekend to participate in the OWHA All-Ontario Provincial Play-down Championships.

The tournament was a representation of winning teams from every region in Ontario to challenge for the gold medal of being the top midget B girls hockey team for the 2014-15 hockey season.

Twenty-four teams in six pools took on the challenge to be crowned all-Ontario champion.

On Friday, the girls opened the tournament and played the Mount Brydges Cougars.

The Storm showed a little rust, having not played a game for two weeks.

Falling behind 1-0 early in the first period while killing a penalty, the Storm started to find their playoff focus and got back to their aggressive style of play.

Early in the third period Kelsey Maracle tied the game 1-1 and then Alicia McLean netted the winning goal midway through the third to sneak a first win in our pool play.

The top two seeds of the four teams in each pool advanced to the championships.

On Friday night, the Storm faced off against the Waterloo Ravens.

The Ravens again tested the Storm squad midway through the first period jumping out with a 1-0 lead. Kelsey Maracle tied the game late in the first to help the Storm focus on the task at hand.

Playing aggressively to get back in the game, the Storm ran into some penalty trouble in the second period.

Killing a five-on-three, Erin Little blocked a shot from the point and went the length of the ice going backhand-forehand top-shelf blocker side to put the Storm up 2-1 with the eventual game winner.

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Province pulls funding for Sport Alliance

Future of Ontario Games unclear

ANGELICA BLENICH

Staff Reporter

When Haliburton County hosted the Ontario 55+ Winter Games this past February, nobody knew the event could be one of the last events for the Sport Alliance of Ontario.

At the end of March the province of Ontario announced it would be pulling its funding for Sport Alliance, a not-for-profit organization that manages and delivers sports initiatives.

Funded in part by the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport, Sport Alliance has been operating for more than 45 years, its predecessor being the Ontario Sports and Recreation Centre.

The decision follows a review of Sport Alliance conducted by Deloitte, said a spokesperson from the ministry.

"This review found the SAO to be impacted by financial, governance and operational issues that were affecting its ability to adequately deliver our sport programs," the ministry wrote in an email to the paper.

"In response to the report's findings and as part of our work to modernize and improve Ontario's sport system, a decision was made not to renew our funding agreement for the delivery of our sport programs. The Ministry notified the SAO on March 26th of its decision."

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Ministry used to fund \$3.5 million annually to Ontario Games

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Sport Alliance Ontario is an independent organization and decisions about operations going forward are up to the organization, said the ministry.

Myke Malone has been working in partnership with Sport Alliance since 2008, overseeing many events delivered by the organization, including as general manager of the recent Ontario 55+ Winter Games hosted in the county.

Prior to that he was also general manager of the 2011 Haliburton Winter Games, the Youth Games and the Para Sport Games.

"I've spoken with a few people at Sport Alliance," said Malone. "They were told last Thursday [April 2] that the ministry would not be funding them any longer, so that was a shock to pretty well everyone at Sport Alliance. They didn't see it coming."

Malone said staff were originally told provincial funding would exist until June 1, however as of last week the office for Sport Alliance was closed.

"It was very quick," he said. "Information was coming in dribs and drabs."

Malone said with the announcement and events fol-

lowing, it is very unclear what the future holds for the Ontario Games, both winter and summer.

"It's still not clear if anybody will be delivering the Ontario Games program for the province or whether the ministry will deliver the games themselves," he said. "I'm under the understanding presently the ministry themselves will be delivering the games program. I'm not sure if that's in the interim or if they're permanently going to take them over."

According to a spokesperson, the ministry provided approximately \$3.5 million annually to Sport Alliance to deliver the Ontario Games Program and other existing sport programs.

"The ministry has transferred program delivery information and materials from the SAO to protect the continuity of services," they wrote.

The next scheduled Ontario 55+ Games are set to be held in summer of 2016 in Midland, said Malone.

"I know the ministry has been in touch with Midland and I believe they're moving forward with them," he said.

Malone said he knew the ministry was looking at a strategic plan to revamp the games program, however no one expected the drastic changes that came.

"Everybody was totally caught off guard," he said. "We're just in waiting mode to hear more information."

According to Malone, Sport Alliance had no direct role in the upcoming Pan Am Games, however he still finds the timing of the provincial announcement odd.

"We're hoping that they continue on with the games program because everyone was kind of shocked the province would cancel something for youth and sport prior to the Pan Am Games, where it's all about supporting sport," he said.

According to the ministry's spokesperson the funding decision will not impact the upcoming TO2015 Pan and Parapan American Games.

Chairman of the 2015 Ontario 55+ Winter Games, Alan Clark was surprised but not shocked to hear of the sudden shutdown of Sport Alliance.

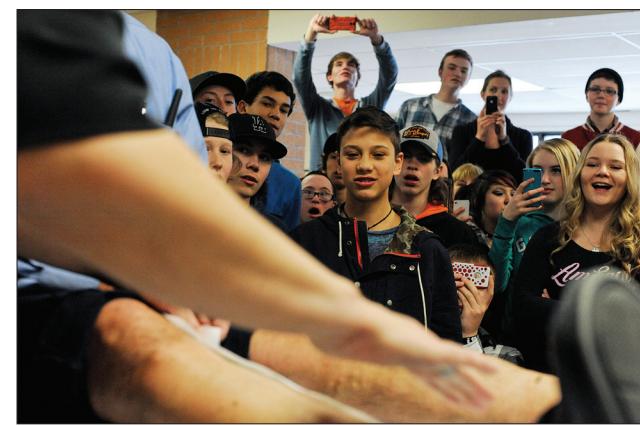
"SAO has been under review and with the Ontario government looking to cut spending the SAO seemed an easy target," he wrote in an email to the paper. "If the government feels the youth, 55+ and para games are important, then how do they plan to fund and administer them in the future?"

The Echo was unable to reach staff at Sport Alliance as of press time.



Waxing for a cause

Haliburton Highlands Secondary School's principal Dan Marsden smiles after being shown the hair from his leg after it was removed with wax by Touch of Class owner Sharon Rowden to raise money for the Autism Speaks Light it Up Blue campaign, to show support and raise awareness about the neurological disorder. Marsden had both legs waxed up to his knee because more than \$1,200 was raised. The school raised \$1,255 for the campaign. Also helping with fundraising incentives were teachers Michelle Backus, Chris Simpson, Jessica Lloyd and Aimee Bulloch. The money raised goes to Autism Ontario and to the local community. DARREN LUM Staff



Haliburton Highlands Secondary School's interim vice-principal Dave Waito eats a mealworm with a spoon as an incentive to raise money for the Autism Speaks Light it Up Blue campaign. Waito said if the school raised \$1,000 he would eat mealworms. He finished with eight. DARREN LUM Staff



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Haliburton Wolves pick coach for new team

ANGELICA BLENICH

Staff Reporter

When Stephane Laveault was looking for a local individual with hockey experience and knowledge, he didn't have to look very far.

The owner of Haliburton's new Junior A hockey team, the Haliburton Wolves, Laveault made a special announcement on April 8 naming Walt McKechnie as the team's new head coach for the 2015/16 season.

"We're very excited to have a local guy," said Laveault. "It's a perfect fit ... with his knowledge and experience ... I think those boys will be very lucky ... I think it's going to be an amazing season."

A former NHL player and current municipal councilor, McKechnie was excited about the opportunity to be back in the world of hockey and working with youth.

Referring to McKechnie as a "legend in town," the owner approached the former Toronto Maple Leafs player about coming on board as a full-time coach of the Haliburton Wolves, which are the newest team in the Greater Metro Hockey League.

McKechnie said he gave the decision some thought but it didn't take him long to give Laveault an answer.

"I've coached before and I watch a lot of games at night and I'm always coaching there. I'm an armchair coach," joked McKechnie. "I feel confident in teaching kids hockey, organizing a practice, organizing a game plan."

The position, which will be full-time, will begin immediately for McKechnie, one of his first tasks to select an assistant coach and trainer for the team.

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I feel confident in teaching kids hockey, organizing a practice, organizing a game plan.

— Walt McKechnie



Owner of the Haliburton Wolves, Haliburton's new Junior A hockey team Stephane Laveault, right, congratulates his team's new coach Walt McKechnie on April 8 at McKeck's in Haliburton. The Dysart politician and former NHL player was chosen by Laveault to lead the new team due to the experience and knowledge of the game that McKechnie brings with him. Both are excited about the new chapter that lies ahead. /ANGELICA BLENICH Staff

Both the coach and the owner are already scouting out talent for the team, locally and internationally.

McKechnie believes that he and the team's owner will have a "we" approach when making decisions moving forward.

The Wolves will be practising four times a week and playing two games each week, one away and one at home. There will be 42 games in a season, with playoffs typically held at the end of March, said the owner.

The team will be releasing the new logo for the Hal-

iburton Wolves very soon, said Laveault.

This year the league is expanding to include 32 teams, with Laveault owning the Wolves and a team based in Bobcaygeon.

The Haliburton team will include 25 players on the roster, ranging from ages 16 to 21.

For more on the Haliburton Wolves check out the April 7 issue of the *Haliburton County Echo* or visit www.haliburtonecho.ca.

Redefining tourists in the Haliburton Highlands

CHAD INGRAM

Staff Reporter

Haliburton County is asking area business owners to re-examine the way they define tourism, and tourists.

The provincial government defines anyone who travels more than 40 kilometres in one direction as a tourist, "which could be any of us, going anywhere," tourism director Amanda Virtanen told councillors at an April 8 tourism committee meeting.

With Haliburton County's vast size – some 4,000 square kilometres – residents travelling from one area of the municipality to another could be considered tourists.

Virtanen is calling this type of local tourist the "travelling consumer," and the county is encouraging business owners to see that tourism is part of every business, to think of anyone visiting any establishment as an economic opportunity and to treat them with the

same hospitality they would visitors from outside the area.

The county has been on a campaign to improve customer service at businesses throughout the Haliburton Highlands and a subcommittee of the tourism stakeholders group has been formed to focus on the cause. That subcommittee consists of stakeholders Rachel Gillooly, Bruce Ballantine, Dennis Casey and Alex Bell.

"You can't fix a problem if you don't think you have one," said Dysart et al Reeve Murray Fearrey. "And a lot of people don't think they have one."

Virtanen has developed a one-page handout that looks at international, national and local tourists, the ways in which they spend their money and the ways the larger community benefits from the spending of those tourism dollars.

Algonquin Highlands Reeve Carol Moffatt said some people have difficulty seeing the spinoff.

"There was criticism around, for example, pond hockey," Moffatt said, referring to the Canadian National Pond Hockey Championships, held in Haliburton in

2013 and 2014, and to which the upper-tier contributed funding.

There was criticism, she said, that the Pinestone Resort and Conference Centre, where many players stayed, was the only business that benefitted from the tournament. However, Moffatt said, a waiting staff member who may have worked extra shifts during the event could have taken that extra money and spent it at a local business on materials for home renovation.

"I don't know if people ever made that connection," she said. "Don't think of it as us and them. It's all of us, together."

Minden Hills Reeve Brent Devolin agreed, saying that hospitality is a state of mind. "It's not a singular group," he said. "It's all of us."

Haliburton County is part of Ontario's Highlands, a provincial tourism region that includes communities from the county eastward, through the Ottawa Valley.

Tourism in Ontario's Highlands is worth an estimated \$442 million a year, generating about \$125 million in tax revenue and employing some 4,400 people.

Highlands East makes investment for new area doctor

ANGELICA BLENICH

Staff Reporter

The following are brief reports of items discussed during an April 13 meeting of Highlands East council.

The municipality of Highlands East has entered into a medical services agreement with Hastings County which will bring a much needed physician to the area in 2018.

The agreement, approved by councillors at their meeting, is between the municipality, Hastings County and medical student Megan Elizabeth Fitzgerald, who is currently attending med school full-time.

Highlands East has agreed to provide financial assistance to Fitzgerald, in exchange for her commitment to setting up her practice in the area upon her graduation from university.

The municipalities together have agreed to pay \$150,000 to Fitzgerald, to cover tuition, books and living expenses, according to the bylaw.

In exchange, Fitzgerald has agreed to practice family medicine in Highlands East and Hastings County on a full-time basis within three months of graduating, for a period of at least five years.

The arrangement will see the physician split her time between two areas, on an alternating schedule with her practising two days a week in Hastings County and three days a week in Wilberforce, switching each week.

If Fitzgerald fails to meet her requirements of the agreement, including graduating from med school or setting up a practice in the area, the municipalities are no longer responsible for paying her \$150,000.

The payments will work out to be \$25,000 paid to Fitzgerald on an annual basis, beginning next May and taking place every January following until 2020.

The arrangement will be a partnership either with the North Hastings Family Health Team or Bancroft Family Health Team, said Reeve Dave Burton following the meeting. Both Family Health Teams operate within Hastings County.

Fitzgerald is from the Maynooth area, said Burton, who is thrilled to have her set-up practice in Highlands East.

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I think having a doctor located in Wilberforce will be a huge boost for all of Highlands East and will be a factor from this point forward in ensuring stable prosperous communities here.

— Councillor Joan Barton

“I’m pretty excited about it,” he said. “It’s a good news story for Highlands East ... she has been through our medical centre.”

Burton is hoping the municipality will get some help in the interim, as Fitzgerald won’t be arriving for a few years. However the agreement is a step in the right direction, he believes.

“This is a tremendous start for us ... for the future,” he said.

Councillor Joan Barton credits the reeve for working tirelessly for the past few years to bring a physician to Highlands East.

“He deserves real credit for forging the relationship we have with County of Hastings and their physician recruiting team from scratch,” she said in an email to the paper. “I think having a doctor located in Wilberforce will be a huge boost for all of Highlands East and will be a factor from this point forward in ensuring stable prosperous communities here.”

The agreement has not yet been signed by Fitzgerald, according to clerk Irene Cook.

Fitzgerald is expected to graduate from her medicine program around September 2018.

New CBO appointed/fire chief reappointed

A familiar face will be seen around Highlands East as councillors officially appointed Laurie Devolin as the new chief building official.

Devolin replaces former CBO Randy Dunsmore, who resigned from the position on Aug. 1, 2014.

Her most previous position was at the township of Algonquin Highlands, where she was the deputy chief building official/bylaw enforcement officer.

The new CBO will take over from Bill Wingrove, who was acting as interim CBO while the municipality went through a hiring process.

Wingrove reported to council that construction values this year are almost double what they were in 2014.

Wingrove has been reappointed to the position of Highlands East fire chief, which was held on an interim basis by firefighter Chris Baughman.

Hike Haliburton leaders needed

The trails committee is seeking interested volunteers who would like to share their time and skills with the upcoming Hike Haliburton Festival, scheduled for this September.

Councillor Joan Barton said volunteers are needed to lead hikes in and around Highlands East. The committee is looking for interested individuals by April 30.

Budget to be adopted at May meeting

The municipality is looking to adopt their 2015 budget at their May 11 regular meeting of council, said chief administrative officer and treasurer Sharon Stoughton-Craig.



Pirates are coming

Pirates of Penzance hits the stage this Thursday for its opening performance. Presented by Highlands Little Theatre, the Gilbert and Sullivan musical is being performed at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion for four performances, starting on April 16 at 7:30 p.m. and running until Sunday, April 19. For tickets call the box office at 705-457-4031. ANGELICA BLENICH Staff

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County to sole-source elevator work

CHAD INGRAM

Staff Reporter

The following are brief reports of items discussed during the April 8 Haliburton County committee meetings.

Councillors on the finance and correspondence committee recommended sole-sourcing the upgrading of the elevator at the county office on Minden's Newcastle Street to Precision Elevator Ltd.

The upgrades – which will use \$50,000 in grant money as well as \$30,000 from the county – will include the installation of a new call and door-locking systems, as well as the installation of a backup power supply so that the lift will be able to operate during an electricity outage.

Roads director Doug Ray said Precision had knowledge of the building's elevator system.

"This company's been good to us over the years," he said.

The county's purchasing policy dictates that goods or services of more than \$25,000 be procured through a tendering process.

However, the policy provides exceptions, including standardization of a function or service, compatibility with an existing service and existing knowledge of the nature of the service.

County purchases generator

Haliburton County will purchase a 100-kilowatt generator from Generator Solutions for approximately \$42,000 plus taxes.

"It turned out a local company had the lowest bid, which was nice to see," roads director Doug Ray told councillors on the finance and correspondence committee.

The generator was within the budgeted amount. Minden Electric will perform the wiring work, which is expected to cost an additional \$5,000 to \$10,000.

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— County roads director Doug Ray

EMS department moves into new base

The county's paramedics moved into the new EMS base on Highway 35 on March 31.

The county has paid about \$50,000 a year to lease space along Milne Street for its Minden ambulance fleet.

A public opening ceremony for the base is expected to be held in late May.

County hopes for new cross-border billing

CHAD INGRAM

Staff Reporter

Haliburton County is hoping for a new, standardized cross-border ambulance billing model.

It's common for municipalities to have agreements with adjacent local governments for the reimbursement of fees when ambulances from one municipality pickup patients in another.

Those agreements have traditionally been negotiated individually.

At an April 8 meeting, councillors on the county's finance and correspondence committee recommended moving ahead with an agreement with Peterborough County that will run until the end of 2015.

However, as treasurer Laura Janke explained, she and counterparts from throughout eastern Ontario are part

of a working group trying to set up new parameters for cross-border agreements throughout the area.

That process includes a review of costs, as well as calculations for special circumstances.

As Janke explained, because Haliburton County's call volume is lower than surrounding municipalities, it means its costs per call are higher.

In the agreement with Peterborough County, the cost per call for that municipality is \$206.10, the cost per call for Haliburton County \$412.20. This includes a special rural compensation premium.

However, the cost per call to the county based on current call volumes is actually \$530.

Janke said by 2016, the working group is hoping to have a uniform agreement for eastern Ontario.

There were a total of 5,944 calls in Haliburton County – that includes 316 pickups outside the county – in 2014.

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Forever in our memories: Creighton Fair

House hunting

EARLIER THIS MONTH I attended an economic development workshop organized by the municipality of Dysart et al.

I was pleasantly surprised when I walked into the room and saw a large group of individuals gathered to share ideas, discuss challenges and participate in a vision for the future of the community.

What followed was purposeful brainstorming that resulted in the first steps of an action plan and a path towards creating a committee solely focused on economic development.

While I sat and listened I wholeheartedly agreed that more economic development was needed in the area, particularly in the areas of light industry and professional opportunities.

However one particular issue to expanding economic development in the area was not mentioned, not even once.

That issue being housing.

The issue of housing is often brought up in the county, yet it is always two particular types that get the most attention, those being affordable and seniors' housing.

While I would never suggest these two types of housing aren't necessary for Haliburton County, it is discouraging that there is very little attention given to the need for more housing options for young professionals, like myself, and young families.

When I first moved up here after receiving a full-time, year round position, I was excited about the possibilities that were ahead.

Fresh out of university, I felt fortunate to find a permanent position in my field and one in an area as beautiful as Haliburton.

A lifelong resident of the GTA, where housing prices have skyrocketed in the past 20 years, I felt privileged to be moving to an area where real estate

was still affordable.

I was shocked to find rental options both hard to come by and unaffordable for a single person.

Years later I was ready to make the jump from renter to owner, wanting to plant deeper roots in an area I had spent years working in. Again I was brought to a halt, as housing prices were a bit out of my range with my sole income.

I realize that real estate is much more affordable in Haliburton County than any urban area in the province and most of southern Ontario at this point.

However take into account the lack of rental and housing options, i.e. condos, townhouses, semi-detached, etc. and you start to see the problem.

Through conversations with other young professionals in the area I know I am not alone.

Colleagues, friends and even acquaintances of mine, all of whom have full-time employment, have struggled with finding adequate housing, whatever that might be for them.

The supply is not meeting the demand and the solution to this problem

is not an easy one.

Perhaps a student residence at the Haliburton School of the Arts would help, alleviating some of the rental places in town, thus bringing their prices down.

I am not an economist and I don't pretend to be one, however I can say from personal experience that until more housing options are obtainable for millennials, it will continue to be an obstacle in economic development for this area.

We can have all the jobs we could possible wish for, but without appropriate housing, residents will continue to struggle to stay in the area.



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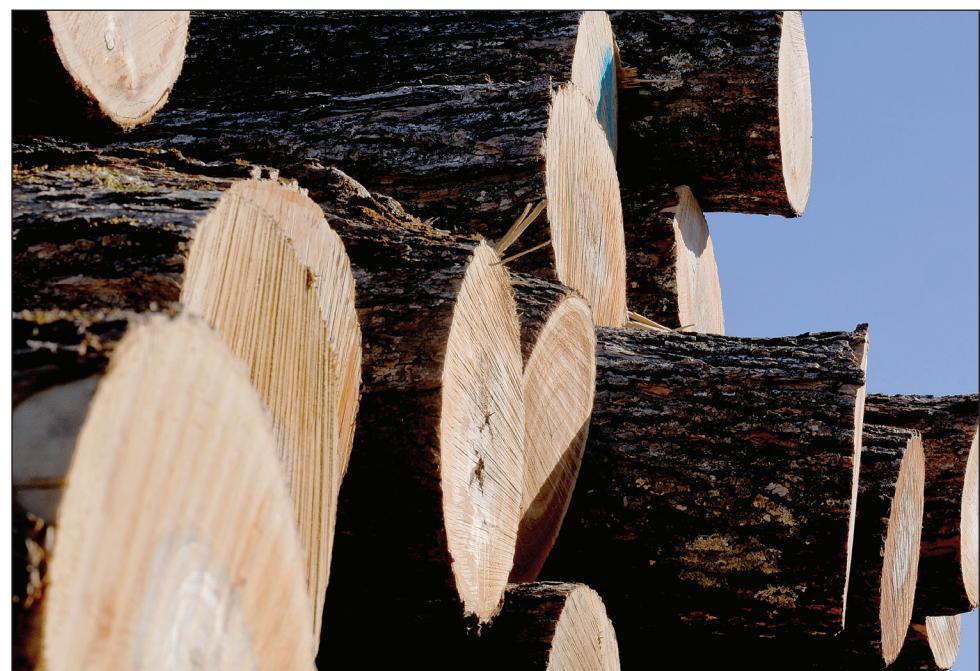
Perhaps a student residence at the Haliburton School of the Arts would help, alleviating some of the rental places in town, thus bringing their prices down.

On the show he profiles some very creative and successful marketing success stories

from Las Vegas, Iceland, New Zealand, Queensland Australia, and Kazakhstan. Anyone interested in tourism marketing should listen just for another perspective. What stood out most from the show for me was when O'Reilly said the best tourism campaigns capture the emotion of the destination.

People love stories and they will go to a place where there is a story. O'Reilly says that the best tourism campaigns take the potential visitor on a journey before they even get to the destination. The stories of the places I mentioned above are so interesting and it's worth listening to the show to hear them.

This idea made me think about the stories that we tell each other about our lives in Haliburton County, and the stories that we tell through our marketing. One story



Ready logs

by Darren Lum

Under the influence

that I would love to end is the one that gets told over and over again about us being the poorest county in the province.

I've listened to that for 25 years and it does nothing to inspire me about Haliburton County as a place to visit or to relocate to. Who wants to travel or live in a place where their story is that they are poor?

Of course we don't put that in our marketing material, but we are reminded of it often and it just isn't helpful in promoting tourism or when looking at economic development for our county or municipality. If we want people to move or visit here, I think we need to tell other stories.

My one friend suggests that we talk about how resilient our county is. How we do much because of our incredibly rich volunteerism, creative passion, and our caring way of living and looking after each other. Another friend of mine suggested that it would be great to do a focus group with people who have moved to Haliburton in the last five years and ask "why did you come, and what do you need to stay?"

There are lots of examples of successful business people (Craig and Colby at B&B, Pasi Posti from Positive Media) who have chosen to move to Haliburton and start a new business or relocate their business. What is their story? Why did they come and what do they need to stay. What about the newest doctors who have moved here in the last few years? What are the Armstrongs' and Sukes' stories about how they chose to come here? With doctors in the family, I'm sure they could have chosen anywhere in Ontario or Canada to work and raise a family. May we grow the county one story at a time!

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points of view

Cats in boxes

THE OTHER DAY I watched one of our cats jump into and curl up in a cardboard box less than half its size. Then I watched the other cat do the same in the empty box beside it. I was about to make use of those boxes.

A lot of people would think nothing of this. But I'm not one. It occurred to me that pretty well every cat I have ever owned and others I have known jump into any cardboard box in sight and immediately go to sleep. This is universal cat behaviour.

A lot of people would see this as cute or innocuous or certainly nothing to write a column about.

They, of course, are clearly not as desperate as I am.

As I watched my cats in those boxes, then looked at the ripped up carpet beneath their pristine scratching post, my first thought was, "I wonder how much postage to send them to Alberta?"

Then I felt bad about that – but only because I should have known since I send things there routinely.

That's when a great idea struck me.

You see, in my circle of friends, cougars happen to be a huge topic of debate. There's an argument as to whether they exist in Ontario at all. There are those who believe they've seen them and those who believe we need to make eye check-ups mandatory.

Moreover, as a news editor for an outdoors magazine, I get routine reports of these things and not one has proven credible yet.

Luckily, my cats inspired me that day.

You see, it occurred to me that cougars are just big cats.

So why not place old cardboard fridge boxes all over the province? If there are any cougars within 100 miles, they'll be sure to find that box and curl up in it.

There's no cougar in the world that could resist.

There's more to it than that. Inside the box, secure a stair railing with the posts just slightly closer together than

the width of the average cougar's head. If those big cats are anything like mine, we could check our fridge boxes every day for cougars.

I know what you are thinking. What if one is in there?

Well, that's where the stair rails come in. If the cougar is in any way like either of our cats, its head will end up wedged in between two posts and it will be looking awfully sheepish when you arrive.

This will mean that after you release it, instead of mauling you, it will run off and hide under the couch for an hour, until it figures you forgot how stupid it looked.

Then it will sulk for the rest of the day. That's why we also need to place an old couch near these boxes.

Right about now you're probably thinking that this plan might have a safety issue or two. I will concede cardboard boxes also attract kids aged four to 12.

So conceivably you might find a live cougar and a six-year-old girl in the same box at the same time. That means serious injury could occur.

Maybe, but I happen to believe the cougar would recognize the severe danger it's in and get out before the kid decides to braid its tail.

Cardboard boxes are not the only way to attract big cats. Why not set up a dining room table at any place where a cougar has been spotted? Then you just need to make a nice dinner and invite company.

Again, there isn't a cat in the world that wouldn't walk into the area like that at dinnertime and begin cleaning itself in parts best left unseen.

I guess what I'm saying is that, if cougars are truly here, they should be relatively easy to find, provided they act like house cats. And if they are here, we can probably mail them back to Alberta too.

To submit your letter to the editor, email jenn@haliburtonpress.com



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Loon Tales



pic of the past

The Empress of Kushog from Northern Eagle Resort took guests for cruises on Kashagawigamog. Old maps show that Kushog Lake was called Kashagawigamog. Submitted by Carol Moffatt and Tony Aymong. Do you have a picture from the past to share? We'd love to see it. Bring it to 146 Highland St. in Haliburton or email jenn@haliburtonpress.com.

letters to the editor

Not so proud to be Canadian

To the Editor,

I have always been so proud to be a Canadian. We have been perceived as nice, funny and generous people by the world as a whole. Our armed forces, which were modest for most of my life, were sent around the world in a peacekeeping capacity.

I think most people considered us neutral like the Swiss.

Now, however, with this latest announcement that we will be dropping bombs on innocent women and children in Syria, and the pronouncement of the cost \$2.5 million I am not so proud.

Gone is the day when we could count on our

politicians to do the right thing just because it was the right thing to do for the people. I know I would be proud to be a Canadian if I knew my tax money was being spent on health care, or education, instead of being funnelled from us to the huge military-industrial complex.

And to know that when our young men come back injured, from fighting "terror," they were going to be cared for by the same health-care system that is being ravaged by short-sighted reductions in funding with this money actually going to endless war.

Denise Leblanc

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BOONIEVILLE

TUESDAY 2:15 DOWNTOWN BOONIEVILLE

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points of view

Municipalities need more federal funds

To the Editor,

I am calling on the government in the strongest terms to provide increased, stable, long-term funding to our municipalities in the upcoming federal budget.

Currently, despite providing increased services, municipalities receive only eight to nine cents of each tax dollar.

In public meetings I have held in communities across our riding, providing increased funding to the municipal level of government was raised by local residents time and time again.

I have also been meeting with local municipal councillors who have been unanimous in identifying the need for increased, predictable funding.

Additional federal funds would help with the next phase of the community centre at Ward Park in Norland, for example, and the new fire hall in Millbrook. More federal dollars provided directly to our municipalities would increase services in Brock Township given its smaller tax base and go to fixing sewers in Lindsay and roads throughout our area.

Funding would also help enhance rural

transit in Haliburton County and Kawartha Lakes and be used to address homelessness.

But how do we pay for it?

For starters, the NDP would provide one cent of the existing gas tax to municipalities. Budgets are a matter of priorities.

The current government is going ahead with income splitting at a cost of \$2 billion.

We can also go after off-shore tax havens which would put up to \$8 billion back in the public purse for the common good.

People in our area have also told me they want political advertising by the government stopped. I have estimated this would save close to \$1 billion.

Municipalities are governments accountable to voters. They should not have to spend the time, money and uncertainty of applying for federal grants to fund projects.

I therefore call upon the Harper government to use Budget 2015 to provide increased, stable, long-term funding to municipalities to help us build our local communities.

Mike Perry,
NDP Candidate,
Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock

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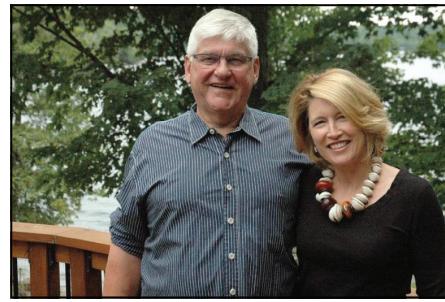
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Stories from our archives

2005 (Tuesday, April 12)

Fantastic four pluck mystery man from lake

Four local ice anglers pulled more than fish from Grass Lake on March 30.

Friends Paul Robinson, Derek Beachli, Jim O'Connor, and Randy Bull were fishing on Grass Lake when an unidentified middle-aged man fell through the ice.

"We watched him as he was heading towards the open water. We couldn't believe that he was going that way," Bull said. "When he went through [the first time] we were all 'Oh God, what are we going to do?' Then he crawled out and yelled back to us that [he couldn't believe that happened]. Then he kept walking over to open water. He kept walking in closer to the open water and went through again," Bull said.

The group couldn't believe what they were seeing.

The victim later told Beachli he thought he was heading back to shore. "Obviously he wasn't," Robinson said. "He was neck deep in the water and never said a word," he said.

After failed attempts by Robinson and Beachli to crawl out towards the victim, resulting in their own breakthroughs, the group used O'Connor's boat. Beachli and Robinson were in the boat. With Robinson at the bow of the boat he used his feet to break the ice to make a path to the man. When Robinson got tired they used the paddles. By the time they got the man in the boat he was barely coherent. The ATV towed the boat back to shore and the rescue was completed in approximately 20 minutes.

Although the rescue was a success,

Emergency Medical Services Director Bob English cautions the public.

"I think what they did was a brave thing, but people need to think before they react. It's important 911 is called as soon as possible so trained personnel can be on scene. I caution people to always remember their own safety," English said.

1995 (Tuesday, April 11)

Emergency House on hold

Dysart et al will not issue a building permit for the Women's Emergency House until the landowner honours a previous commitment to provide parking spaces at the same site.

When Steve Bowskill built an addition at Hillside House in 1991, he was supposed to create and mark out 20 parking spaces. More than half of those spaces were never created and now he's agreed to build the house for abused women on the same site. But council wants some sort of guarantee the parking problems will be solved first.

Bowskill says council is putting up roadblocks as a personal vendetta.

Bowskill doesn't believe 20 spaces are needed.

The municipal by-law requires that all business and professional offices provide "one parking space for each 20 square metres of gross floor area of the building directly related to the specified use."

The Women's Emergency House is for women who want to leave abusive relationships. The project has been delayed for a year after a new site had to be found and it was hoped construction would begin early this summer.



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What's Underneath at Rails End Gallery

Right, Phyllis Sisson admires the mask created by granddaughter Kyla Sisson. The mask is part of the piece titled *Closer*, one of the media on display at Rails End Gallery on April 11. What's Underneath, the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School portfolio class exhibit, had more than 100 guests in attendance for the opening reception, where students in the show explained their pieces of art and how they created them. Masks played a significant part of the exhibit, which challenged students to go deeper and explore layers underneath the surface. Under the direction of teacher Karen Gervais, the show included different types of art, from drawings to paintings to a mannequin. The gallery has been showcasing work from the high school for more than a decade, said Rails End director Laurie Jones.

Bottom left, Naomi Russell tells the story of *Who Am I*, a piece about materialism at the opening of What's Underneath on April 11. The exhibit features artwork created by students at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School and is on display at Rails End Gallery until April 25.

Bottom centre, Shae MacNaull describes the thought process behind her piece, titled *Tattoo*. The piece includes ink and acrylic on canvas, and displays many different forms of popular tattoos.

Bottom right, *Blue*, a piece of art involving a mannequin, was one of several items on display at the opening of What's Underneath. More than 100 guests visited the gallery for the opening reception, where students in the exhibit explained their pieces of art and how they created them. ANGELICA BLENICH Staff



Grease Lightning coming to the Haliburton Legion

ANGELICA BLENICH

Staff Reporter

Grease is the word, is the word that you heard.

Lyrics like these and more from the popular 1978 movie and Broadway musical *Grease* will be reverberating through the walls at the Haliburton Legion on May 9.

The Highlands Summer Festival is spearheading a new type of fundraiser with a *Grease* sing-along event, which will include a gourmet diner style dinner, costumes, prizes, singing and much more.

"It's our first foray into this kind of fundraising," said Sean Pennylegion, chairman of the event and Highlands Summer Festival board member.

The event promises lots of fun for all ages, said Pennylegion.

"It's a whole evening of activities," he said. "There's going to be a very large screen in there with subtitles and you will be able to come and sing-along with the movie *Grease*, starring John Travolta and Olivia Newton-John."

Hit songs from the movie include *Summer Nights*, *Beauty School Dropout*, *We Go Together* and *You're The One That I Want*.

Aside from singing, guests can also get

dressed up as their favourite *Grease* character, whether it be Rizzo, Danny, Frenchy or any of the cast members, or simply come out in 1950s style clothing.

"There are going to be a variety of contests, one of which will involve people's hairdo and or costume," said Pennylegion.

Proceeds from the event will go towards supporting live theatre put on by the Highlands Summer Festival, a not-for-profit organization.

"Any time we can put a little bit of money in the bank that's great," said Pennylegion. "But it's also an opportunity for the Highlands Summer Festival to have a presence in the community as we're coming up to our big push for ticket sales ... it just kind of puts the Highlands Summer Festival out there."

Organizers are hoping the event will become an annual activity.

"We want this whole experience to be really good for people," said Pennylegion.

The event will include a cash bar. Tables are also available for pre-booking.

Doors open for the fundraiser at 6 p.m. at the Haliburton Legion.

Tickets are \$45, with part of the proceeds going directly to supporting the Highlands Summer Festival. Those who purchase a ticket will get a \$25 donation

receipt.

An afternoon family matinee will also be offered at 2 p.m., which will include the sing-along but no dinner or festivities.

Tickets for the matinee are \$10 each or \$30 for a family of four.

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Neighbours step up to create the county we want

JENN WATT

Editor

Our small community accomplishes much thanks to the hundreds of volunteers who give time, money and expertise to making the Haliburton Highlands a better place.

In celebration of annual Volunteer Week, we've asked organizers of some of the area's many charities and community groups to weigh in on how volunteers make a difference.

Volunteer Dental Outreach Clinic

Six dentists, four hygienists, two dental assistants, three front desk workers and

nine board members volunteer to provide free services to people in Haliburton County who need dental work.

VDO founder and board member Lisa Kerr says without this relatively small crew of dedicated volunteers, the VDO would not exist.

"The Volunteer Dental Outreach clinical model would not be financially sustainable without volunteers," she says. Most of the staffing is volunteer based and the board fundraises for the other clinic expenses. Two dental assistants are paid for their work to ensure the clinic has stability.

Kerr says being able to help those who otherwise would go without dental care fuels volunteers. This often means those

who come to the clinic have major issues to be addressed, as many haven't seen a dentist in many years.

"The challenge of restoring someone's teeth who is in desperate need can be quite motivating to the volunteer dental professionals. Almost every case involves someone who arrived quite apprehensive leaving with a bright smile, which is always gratifying for our volunteers," she says.

One of the VDO's volunteers, Dr. John Purc was nominated this year for the Community Service Award from the Ontario Dental Association recognizing his work at VDO. Additionally, the Coalition of Haliburton Lake Associations chose VDO as charity of the year, helping the organization raise awareness and recruit dentists and dental hygienists. Kerr says the wait list continues to increase despite the many volunteers "because the need is so great in our community."

Minden Health Care Auxiliary

Celebrating 15 years in 2015, the Minden Health Care Auxiliary was founded when the new hospital was built. It was 53 members who work at the gift shop, help with Hyland Crest activities and do fundraising for the facility.

"Our organization would not exist without our volunteers as we have no paid staff. Our members are driven to continue to make health care in Minden the very best," says auxiliary president Val du Manoir.

She says the rewards of volunteering can be seen throughout the facility and on the faces of the patients, staff and residents at the Minden site of Haliburton Highlands Health Services.

"It is very rewarding when your efforts, to put on a card party, to bake for a Hyland Crest tea, to sell raffle tickets or to work on decorating or obtaining items for our November gala, ultimately results in the purchase of a new piece of equipment for the hospital or has made living in Hyland Crest more pleasant. Even greeting a visitor as they enter the Hyland Crest entrance to the hospital is rewarding as you've hopefully made them feel welcome as you work in the gift shop."

Canoe FM

The community radio station has 109 volunteers who do everything from hosting programs to fixing computer problems. As station manager Roxanne Casey puts it: "They are the breath that keeps Canoe FM on the air."

Without volunteers, there wouldn't be much to listen to when you tuned your radio to 100.9 FM.

"Canoe FM only exists because of the eclectic mix of community voices and

people who understand the importance of providing this community with the service of community radio," Casey says.

And for that reason, she agrees with one volunteer who once said to her: "Canoe FM is a hidden gem ... it's like finding that incredible song on the B side of a record."

Casey recently asked volunteers to share their motivations and experiences volunteering at the station. Here are a few of their comments.

"I volunteer at the radio [station] because it challenges me to do something different than my everyday. I didn't have much of a choice in picking my career path, so this lets me do something I really enjoy." – Shaun, a.k.a. "Rooster"

"I have got to meet and interview wonderful, interesting people, each with a fascinating story to tell. I have laughed with them, cried with them, got involved with their crusades, and I have made new life-long friendships from the experiences. As an added bonus, I get to work with my dear friend and mentor, the great Mike Jaycock." – Lorraine McNeil

"The challenge of doing a good job at whatever area you have volunteered in, is rewarding by positive reinforcement and camaraderie with others and by being a part of an organization with its finger on the heartbeat of the community." – Heather

"For me, just knowing that whether on air or on stage, I could possibly brighten someone's day, and bring a smile to their face. Laughter is the best medicine for life!" – Patrick

Nordic Trail Association

Many of the fantastic ski trails around Haliburton County are maintained throughout the year and groomed in the winter by a group of about 35 people at the Haliburton Nordic Trail Association – a not-for-profit run entirely by volunteers.

Ski enthusiasts pitch in to clear brush and fallen trees, replace culverts and improve trails for safety, says trail association volunteer Bruce Ballantine.

"Without the volunteers we would have no trails. Five years ago, a decision was made to improve grooming and widen some trails to provide a better product for the ski club and the general public to enjoy. We now have both classic and skate at each trailhead, plus a dog-friendly site," said Ballantine.

The association keeps up with 70 kilometres of trails at four locations, offering varying degrees of difficulty and different types of skiing.

Volunteers "have a passion for skiing and for the community where they live," he says. Satisfaction often comes from see-

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'We make a life by what we give'

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ing the trails used by club members or those who buy day passes.

"We are now recognized as one of the best cross-country ski networks in the province and a major economic driver in the winter months," he says.

There are more than 400 members in the club with 30 new members in the last year. Thirty-five per cent of club members do not live in the county.

Haliburton County Folk Society

The local folk society is run entirely by volunteers and brings an impressive array of musicians to the Highlands each year.

Artistic director Walter Tose says he got involved because of his musical background and experience playing in bands and has found the experience enriching.

"I think we have provided and continue to provide the local community exposure to some very good musical performers in the folk and roots genres. And so, well, I get to hear some great music myself and as a bonus I get to meet and get to know the performers we bring in and I find that very rewarding to hear their stories and talk 'music tech' with them."

Aside from concerts, the folk society also runs a monthly open stage, supports the Home Routes series, helps out with the Haliburton Rotary Club's Music in the Park series and other events.

Community Support Services – Haliburton Highlands Health Services

Walter Tose (same as above) is also involved in Community Support Services, which is formerly Community Care Haliburton County. Now taken care of by Haliburton Highlands Health Services, CSS offers Diner's Club, Meals on Wheels, transportation, hospice services, adult day program and much more.

Tose is a volunteer driver for CSS and calls the experience "very rewarding."

"I get to help individuals to their medical appointments who otherwise might not be able to get there and I get to meet and learn about other people in the county whom I might not meet otherwise and hear their life stories," he says.

He also is a key organizer of the Scotty Morrison Charity Hockey Tournament. He says the "very productive and well functioning committee" helps make the experience go smoothly and the services supported by the fundraiser are a more than worthy cause.

"My hope is that those same services will be there for me when I need to use them," he says and praises the CSS staff for co-ordinating the volunteers to get so much done for Haliburton County.

Places for People

The affordable housing charity, responsible for two units in the county so far, has 10 board members who put in more than 1,500 hours in 2014 on board related matters. In addition, another 800 hours were put in on Places for People's third location: 5 Newcastle St., Minden.

One of the organization's fundraisers, the Highland Yard, required another 100 volunteer hours just for preparation, say volunteers Max Ward and Jack Russel.

Additionally, another 60 volunteers put in 300 hours collectively at the Highland Yard event.

"This is a total of 2,700 volunteer hours to complete the tasks required for Places for People to complete its mission statement," Ward and Russel wrote in an email to the paper.

The pair calculated a value of about \$40,500 in volunteer time.

Volunteers do jobs large and small, physically and intellectually demanding. Home renovations are essential to getting buildings ready for tenants; fundraisers

such as the annual Hootenanny, bowlathon and Highland Yard bring in necessary cash; and the hard-working board of directors and committees do the planning to ensure everything is done properly and runs smoothly.

Each person has a different reason for giving their time to Places for People, but Ward and Russel believe the underlying current is satisfaction in helping those who need support building the foundation of their lives.

"Abraham Maslow said it best when he indicated individuals need secure shelter in order to fulfill their goals and achieve their aspirations," Ward and Russel say. "Through the tenant support committee and the unique trust fund, our tenants are provided a fund for such things as educational opportunities, a new home when they move out, and even a cellphone to be available for job opportunities. Perhaps many of us are guided by the sentiment that 'we make a living by what we get – we make a life by what we give.'"

Haliburton Highlands Outdoors Association

The outdoors association has 320 members. Volunteers raise fish, advocate for wildlife and provide outdoor education, says board member Mike Johnson.

The HHOA also maintains a facility that can be used by community groups with environment/fish/wildlife interests at no cost.

"The volunteers provide an important resource to Haliburton," Johnson says. They maintain the facilities, feed the fish and clean the tanks as well as gather walleye and trout eggs for rearing and stock the raised fish in local lakes.

So far, HHOA volunteers have stocked more than 50,000 fish in local lakes.

"The volunteers enjoy the friendships created, the educational process and the aspect of giving back to our community and the environment," he says.

SIRCH Community Services

Volunteers for SIRCH do a wide range of duties in step with how many different programs the organization offers. Among them are breastfeeding mentors, board members, garden buddies, Thrift Warehouse volunteers, community kitchen cooks, fundraisers and more.

"Soon we'll be looking for senior volunteers who want to learn to do home safety checks for seniors," says Gena Robertson, executive director.

While SIRCH has several employees working to coordinate programming, Robertson says volunteers are integral to the charity's model.

"We wouldn't accomplish anywhere close to what we have without volunteers – not only SIRCH, but this whole community wouldn't have had half the services and programs we've been able to provide over the years," she says.

Examples of programs started using volunteers are the Crisis Assistance Program, Women's Emergency House, Sew Resourceful, Hospice, Big Buddies, My Coach Makes a Difference and more.

Robertson says the volunteers at SIRCH are motivated by making a difference, helping someone in a tough position and "connecting to others who are of like mind."

Haliburton Hospital Auxiliary

Sixty-four men and women make up the Haliburton Hospital Auxiliary, running fundraisers throughout the year including the famed Italian Dinner, loonie auction, wheelbarrow of wine raffle, tag day and more.

Volunteers operate the gift shop, hand-paint Christmas ornaments and participate in various events including the Santa Claus parade, Colourfest and others.

President Tracey Lear says she likes to think of this quote in terms of volunteerism: "The heart of a volunteer is not measured in size, but by the depth of the commitment to make a difference in the lives of others."

Every year, the auxiliary commits to buying needed

items for HHHS and the group's fundraising efforts make that happen.

"Auxiliaries are extremely important to the hospital. Every penny raised goes towards the purchase of these items," Lear says, "We have no overhead or salaries – just volunteers."

"I am constantly amazed how giving our communities are. There are so many organizations in the county with hundreds of volunteers. They all seem to raise money and get the job done!"

Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation

The Foundation fundraises money for important capital projects at Haliburton Highlands Health Services.

According to Dale Walker, executive director, about 75 volunteers work on fundraisers such as the Golf Classic, hockey tournament, radiothon as well as stuffing envelopes and office duties.

"We also have board and committee members," says Walker. "Board members attend monthly board meetings and committee meetings. A lot of the board member work is done outside of meetings such as meeting with donors, community organizations, campaign work and groups."

Volunteers give their time to the Foundation because they know their work makes health care in the Highlands so much better through purchases of equipment, technology and capital projects. It's also a lot of fun.

"The Foundation could not operate without the volunteers. They really are priceless and as a volunteer myself for other organizations, I certainly appreciate their dedication," she says.



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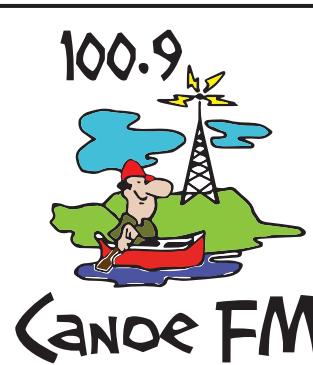


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Robotics team builds bonds from FIRST

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

When it came time to compete against some of the best high school robotic engineers in the province, the Red Hawks learned they could hold their own.

The Hawks sent a team of eight to compete against 35 other high schools from all over Ontario at the second annual North Bay FRC (FIRST Robotics Competition) Regional from March 26 to 28 at Nipissing University in North Bay.

Each team was partnered with two other schools to form an alliance, which would compete against another alliance, in a competition called Recycle Rush.

This centred around a landfill scenario within an enclosed indoor field where one robot per team had to organize, stack and transport containers, including picking up and placing noodles, or "trash" in either designated areas or into containers for points. Points were also awarded by stacking and moving containers onto designated point scoring areas. The opposing alliance could score points by throwing litter onto the opposing alliance's side of the playing area to create "unprocessed litter" if it was not moved to the landfill designated area before the round ended.

Curran Chambers, a Grade 12 student in his first year with the team, said he didn't expect team building to be so essential to this endeavor.

"I hadn't realized how much teamwork there was in it. When you get there you have a team of four (competing in the round) and each person has a select role and then you have a minimum of 20 minutes before the next [round]. If there is something wrong with your robot everyone is in this small pit working together to fix it," he said.

Ultimately, Chambers wants to become a mechanical engineer, but will study to be a robotic technician next year.

"It was a lot of fun," he said.

Dan Fockler, the team's faculty facilitator, said his



team's finish was reflective of some unfortunate alliances. The Hawks were only matched with one top five ranking team through 18 rounds of competition. In a few cases, the Red Hawks robot was left alone (through circumstance and when other robots were poorly designed and constructed) to score the majority of points. Alliances were switched every round and chosen randomly.

Second year competitor Johnathan Prestwich said the similarities between last year's contest Aerial Assist and this year's contest Recycle Rush were the importance of communication and co-operation with other schools to figure out strategies.

"Last year was a bit more competitive between the two sides because each alliance was facing each other, but this year it was each alliance was stuck on their own side to see whichever side was to get the most points," he said. "You couldn't interfere with the other team or anything like that. It was really all about working with your alliance."

The Hawks were proud of their robot, which featured a set of arms that enabled efficient stacking and a strong ability to move and retrieve containers from the landfill area.

For Grade 12 student and first year robotics team member Jessica Karaguesian, this team offered a unique experience unlike anything else at the school.

"It was kind of one of the only science and technology based clubs at the school. There's a lot of student activity, charity, such clubs. This was one where you actually get to apply the skills you learn in class and build something. It was a really good learning experience even when we went [to the competition]," she said.

Although her future aspirations are centred around the sciences, Jessica appreciated the opportunity for creativity, the hands-on aspect and the diversion quality of being able to work with a robot.

Second-year team member and Grade 11 student Cody Williams has his sights set on improving next year.

"We've set ground. We're a little bit more established. Hopefully that will help with getting sponsors. Yes, we have been here a couple of times. We know what we're doing. It'll be nice to take it a little bit further again. We definitely improved from last year. It will be nice to continually improve to be a little bit better," he said.

Williams said with the experience of last year the team was far more prepared.

Last year the team showed up to the competition with "tons of work" they had to do and this year the team had less to do. The experience from last year enabled them to work quicker and more efficiently when faced with challenges.

Williams said through competition, the team discovered their robot had weak arms so between rounds the team not only resolved the issue by using stronger metal, but did it within the allotted time.

Highlands residents Jim and Joan Cochlin learned about the team through the *Echo* and made a "small donation" and then volunteered.

"From the time we were new teachers we both have been involved in coaching/mentoring school sports, government, exchanges, etc. We vastly enjoyed the involvement with young people. It seems a good idea to continue that sort of involvement into retirement," Jim said.

They donated time and money to the team, travelled with the Hawks to North Bay to help as "transporters and wakers-up of students" and cheered them on at the competition.

"We were excited to see the development and skill improvement of the team as the matches progressed. We were also enlightened by the long history and extensive donor support of many of the teams, in contrast to the short experience and limited donor potential of ours," he said.

The couple are impressed by the leadership from Fockler and Dan Gimon, who has been with the team from the beginning. They expect to continue to support the team by fundraising or whatever the team needs.

HHSS alumni and former robotics team members Natasha Bradley and Sam Tyler also assisted the team.

Fockler noticed improvement from last year, specifically utilizing team members' skills relevant for the competition.

"We worked together a lot better. We were more cohesive as a group and our skill set was a lot wider so we were a little more successful because we had people that could do various tasks for us," he said.

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A TIC in the right direction

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Staff Reporter

Haliburton Highlands Secondary School (HHSS) organizers and participants of the TIC (Teenagers In Control) event held on March 27 at YMCA Wanakita are seeing great opportunities for a strong future.

It drew more than 100 teachers and students to the Koshlong Lake Road location where the Higher Minds assembly was made by the YouthSpeak performance charity of Toronto. This focused on drug and alcohol awareness and encouraged youth to think about their decisions relative to early drug experimentation, including a focus on safe partying and healthy relationships.

There were also opportunities for team building through exercises such as low ropes; free time for students to hike, "chill," or play capture the flag; and peer-led workshops on topics such as safe partying, sexual health and safe dating, mental health, healthy relationships, addictions and drug facilitated sexual assault supported by community members (such as OPP and Victim Crisis Assistance & Referral Service) representing services and local organizations.

The first time event was offered to Grade 11 and 12 students because of the day's testing for Grade 9s who wrote their mock literacy test while Grade 10s wrote the Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test on the day. The Grade 9s and 10s participated in their own activities after the tests were completed.

HHSS teachers Jessica Lloyd, Michelle Backus and Rebeka Borgdorff organized the event.

They said the event did more than provide participants with valuable information and give students a chance to get away from school, as it helped raise school spirit and improve relations between students, and between teachers and students.

Borgdorff said TIC is important to relations and school spirit because sometimes with the pursuit of curriculum goals it's difficult for students to feel like school is a fun place with a relaxed atmosphere.

Although student response could be improved, they all agree with a first-year event has the potential to grow.

"Based on the idea, the content and the execution of it (organizationally), it went off without a hitch," Borgdorff said. It was a really great day for all involved. Nobody felt like we dropped the ball on this or that. It was just the attendance piece. What can you do? You can only do what you can do. You have to start from somewhere. People will learn from coming and go from there."

A large part of the attendance truly lies with parents, Lloyd said.

She encourages parents to support these types of events and efforts.

"Parents need to be onboard with this as much as we are. If they aren't with us then the students aren't going

to participate," she said, referring to how some parents might suggest staying at home as acceptable. "Parental support is huge."

Borgdorff said they sent notice home, made phone calls, and promoted through the media and the school's website.

However, they understand it's early in the process towards the school in engaging students' parents as much as it is for parents to get involved.

As far as finances go, there is the potential for future funding for this and possibly similar initiatives.

Five surveys were created and then sent out through Google Drive to get a better understanding of how things went and what might be changed for next year involving everyone. This included subject and survey participant specific questions. So, there was a survey for teachers and students at the school, students and teachers at Wanakita and students who did neither. The majority of the results, Lloyd said, has been returned. They revealed there was an overall well received feeling among everyone in regards the event. Specifically, the TIC participants loved the low ropes exercise, the students appreciated getting to interact with peers they didn't know before, teachers enjoyed being able to spend time with students outside of the school doing non-curriculum activities.

This information will also be part of the collection of data that will be sent to the board as part of a report for funding.

Anecdotally, Borgdorff said the teachers appreciated the "positive interactions" with students outside of the school, which is valuable for relationship building and wellness.

Grade 11 student and peer workshop leader Tori Hawley appreciated the opportunity to help her peers learn about the community resource Victim Crisis Assistance & Referral Service while working with workshop leader Tamara Curnuck.

She and peer workshop leader Alyssa Denyer only learned of this resource through the event. Hawley said this event enabled her to learn about a social service she didn't know existed.

"They provide a resource that most people don't know they have, but in a traumatic time they can make a huge difference, and they really deal with any kind of issue where they are needed. We focused our presentation on encouraging the mindset that it is okay to be the victim sometimes - it isn't their fault, and there are support systems available 24/7," she wrote in an email. "The second portion of our workshop was centered around communication - how important and also how fragile it can be. We demonstrated this by playing broken telephone around the room. We started with a statement about someone being sexually assaulted and with less than 10 participants the story easily became twisted. This showed that in a real life scenario the person who first hears the story should first reach out to an adult instead of starting rumours." Grade 12 student Wilhelmena Kocot helped give a workshop about partying safe, and how to help your friends when they need it, as well as learning about putting someone in the recovery position. "I believe that TIC day went really well and that it had quite an impact with all the students that attended. The assembly with the people from YouthSpeak was incredibly moving and was a highlight of the day," she wrote in an email. "I would greatly hope that it is held again next year, and the change that I would really like to see happen is that more of the Grade 11 and 12 students attend and have more of a positive image about this day. Most



Haliburton Highlands Secondary School students work through low ropes at the TIC (Teenagers In Control) event held on March 27 at YMCA Wanakita.

of the students who attended this year were Grade 12, and when we are no longer here next year I hope that the Grade 11s of this year step up and recruit more of next year's Grade 11s."

Borgdorff said the attendance was equally divided between Grade 11s and 12s. She believes it won't be difficult to recruit peer leaders for next year's event, as the Grade 10 activity leaders at the school are excited about next year.

Kocot thanked the event organizers and all the other teachers and people from the community who put their time and effort, into this day.

A strong residual benefit to offering TIC is not about educating only the students, but also their parents who were also offered a free parents night meeting, which featured a presentation from YouthSpeak on the evening of TIC. This adult event also offered babysitting and pizza. During the event's open session, a parent asked for this to be repeated.

The parents night meeting is likely to be held again despite a low turnout, Backus said.

She adds, parents appreciated the speakers and the information provided.

"If we have them here already talking to the kids it's nice for the parents to get that same message," she said.

TIC was funded by the Speak Up grant and the outdoor education grant through the Trillium Lakelands District School Board.

For parents and teens it's all about opportunity, Borgdorff said.

"You don't know what you don't know until you try. And so, those who tried, have spread a good word and so we're just hoping it will be a building block for something else—sort of grass roots," she said.

With this success, the school is looking at repeating, but also adding another event in the first semester to build on what was started with TIC.

The event's logo, which was on T-shirts worn at the event, was design in part by HHSS student Nolan Nicholson.



Haliburton Highlands Secondary School participants take moment for a photo while at the TIC (Teenagers In Control) event held on March 27 at YMCA Wanakita. There were more than 100 teachers and students at the Koshlong Lake Road location where the Higher Minds assembly was made by the YouthSpeak performance charity of Toronto. This event, which included teambuilding activities and informative peer led workshops supported by community group representatives, gave students and teachers an opportunity to interact in a new environment. Submitted by Rebeka Borgdorff

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Life lessons and fun at Timbits

The Gananoque Curling Club hosted the 28th annual Timbits Ontario Provincial Elementary School Curling Championship on Wednesday, April 1 to Saturday, April 4.

This was a unique opportunity for elementary schools and students to participate in a provincial championship. With 64 teams participating, it was a great venue for students to meet other students from across the Ontario region in a fun orientated bonspiel.

When you're having fun, it doesn't matter who wins. That's the main goal in Timbits curling. And, along with making a lot of new friends, kids learn some valuable life lessons and discover a love for the game of curling.

Three teams from the Haliburton Curling Club were entered in the bonspiel, representing the J. Douglas Hodgson Elementary School.

Team one, as coached by Terry Lawrence, included skip Dustyn McCready-DeBruin, vice Jessica Byers, second Mackenzie Tidey and lead Destiny Wilson.

Team two, as coached by Aggie Tose, included skip Emma Casey, vice Aria Smolen, lead Hannah Lewis and second Corin Gervais.

Team three, as coached by Bob MacNaull, included skip Jonah Aldom, vice Holly Parish, second, Micah Aldom, lead Bella Smolen and lead Savannah Byers.

Team one was third in the A event, winning a bronze medal and finishing third out of 64 teams. They finished with five wins and one loss.

Team two was first in the F event, winning a medal and finished with four wins and two losses.

Team three was first in the E event, winning a medal and finished with four wins and two losses.

Congratulations to all our young athletes and coaches for a job well done!

Submitted by Bob MacNaull



The Haliburton Curling Club and J. Douglas Hodgson Elementary School team of coach Terry Lawrence, left, with skip Dustyn McCready-DeBruin, lead Destiny Wilson, vice Jessica Byers, and second Mackenzie Tidey. This team finished third, winning a bronze medal in the A event out of 64 teams. Photo courtesy of Timbits



The Haliburton Curling Club and J. Douglas Hodgson Elementary School team of vice Aria Smolen, left, skip Emma Casey, second Corin Gervais and lead Hannah Lewis finished first in the F event at the 28th annual Timbits Ontario Provincial Elementary School Curling Championship from Wednesday, April 1 to Saturday, April 4 at the Gananoque Curling Club. The team finished with a 4-2 record. Absent for photo is coach Aggie Tose. Photo courtesy of Timbits



The Haliburton Curling Club and J. Douglas Hodgson Elementary School team (coach Bob MacNaull, left) of second Micah Aldom, vice Holly Parish, skip Jonah Aldom, lead Savannah Byers and lead Bella Smolen finished first in the E event at the 28th annual Timbits Ontario Provincial Elementary School Curling Championship from Wednesday, April 1 to Saturday, April 4 at the Gananoque Curling Club. The team, who were part of the youth program at the Haliburton Curling Club, finished with a record of 4-2. Photo courtesy of Timbits

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Year worth remembering

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Erin Little and Alicia McLean both added insurance markers in the third period to make the final score 4-1.

With two wins in pool play, the Storm took to the ice Saturday morning against the undefeated Oakville Hornets sitting with two ties. The Storm needed a win to finish first in their pool, as well as trying to secure a bye to the quarter-finals Saturday night - avoiding a second place seeding game Saturday afternoon among second place qualifiers. After a scoreless first period, Kenndal Marsden opened the scoring early in the second period putting the Storm up 1-0. Erin Little added to the lead late in the second on a power play to give the Storm a 2-0 edge. The pesky Hornets never gave up and during a power play of their own, edged closer at 2-1 late in the third period. Brynn Meyers found a extra gear as the third wound down and regained the Storm two-goal advantage putting away a loose puck in a goal-mouth scramble. The win and goal differential secured the fourth spot in the top four team byes to the quarter-finals. What a great start to the championship weekend.

On Saturday night the Storm took on Blythe-Brussels Crusaders in the must win quarter-final match-up. Hoping to take advantage of the Crusaders' extra game earlier in the evening, the Storm regained their LLFHL League Championship form and found that extra gear again.

Erin Little opened the scoring midway through the first with a 1-0 eventual game winning goal lead. Brynn Meyers netted a 2-0 marker in the second period and Sydney Feir and Kenndal Marsden added unanswered singles in the third period to make the

final score 4-0, in the shutout victory and advance the Storm to the semi-finals on Sunday morning against the Schreiber North Shore Stars.

On Sunday morning, the Storm needed to maintain their upper gear against the talented Schreiber North Shore Stars who finished first overall in pool play. After a strong start and challenging Schreiber the bulk of the first period, Kelsey Maracle picked off a pass, beat the defence and the tender with nine seconds left in the first to take a 1-0 not-to-be-tied lead.

Erin Little notched a pair of beauties in the second period to put the Storm up 3-0. Kenndal Marsden rounded out the scoring late in the third period with a wrister that fooled the North Shore tender in the 4-0 win. Connor Marsden's second consecutive shutout secured the Storm's pursuit of a possible gold medal at the OWHA All-Ontario Provincial Championship.

The gold medal game saw the Highland Storm match-up against the deep and talented North Bay Ice Boltz. After a hard-fought scoreless first period, Alicia McLean slipped a sneaky wrister past the North Bay tender midway through the second period. The 1-0 lead gave the Storm a spark as they continued their up-tempo level of play and challenged the Ice Boltz in every aspect of the game. The Storm continued to pressure North Bay, frustrating this fast skating club, causing them to get off their game plan. The Storm stymied North Bay's puck control power play in the lopsided five-to-two penalty kill disadvantage keeping them off the score sheet through two periods of hockey. Alicia McLean fooled the North Bay tender going five-hole early in the third period causing a



The Minden Car Quest Auto midget B girls hockey team celebrate winning the OWHA All-Ontario Provincial Playdown Championships this past weekend in Mississauga after defeating the North Bay Ice Boltz 3-0 in the final. With a field of 24 teams, the Storm dominated, going undefeated at the championship. Submitted by Riley Maracle

time-out by the Ice Boltz. With the bad Karma 2-0 lead and North Bay continuing to mount an attack against the tireless Storm squad, Kenndal Marsden put the Storm in the driver's seat with a 3-0 wrister beating the Ice Boltz tender high glove off a face off in the North Bay end. The Storm continued to turn away all attacks by the unrelenting Ice Boltz and Connor Marsden's hat-trick of shutouts secured the first All-Ontario Provincial Championship gold medal for Highland Storm Girls' Hockey. Great team effort, girls! What an awesome way to wrap up the year and midget B girls' hockey. You are all stars! Special thanks to all our sponsors and supporters, this year and in the past ... Minden Car Quest Auto, Minden Cana-

dian Tire, parents, family and friends - especially those that made the trek to cheer on the girls in their gold medal journey. It definitely has been an exciting and excellent year to close the chapter on midget B girls' Storm hockey! Winning the Orillia Tournament to get us rolling, first place in the LLFHL Eastern loop, LLFHL League Champions and now - OWHA All-Ontario Provincial Midget B champions! Congratulations again girls in all that you have accomplished! Enjoy this, celebrate it, and never forget it: you are all champions!

On behalf of the Midget B coaching and team staff, "thank you" everyone for your help and support over the past 10 years. What a fabulous way to finish.

Court success for Red Hawks

The following are HHSS sports briefs for the week ending April 10

Trio of winners

The junior Red Hawks badminton team had their first qualifying tournament last Thursday at LCVI. Leading the team with first place finishes were the girls' doubles team of Kenndal Marsden and Jamie Little, the mixed doubles team of Hannah Klose and Dylan Smith and boys team of Mat Wilbee and Ben Schmidt.

14 qualify for Kawartha

The senior Red Hawks badminton team travelled to I.E. Weldon to compete in their second qualifying tournament on Tuesday, April 7.

All 14 players qualified for this week's Kawartha tournament at HHSS on Tues-

day.

First place for men's singles player Noah Dollo and to the men's doubles team of Devon Upton and Jaydon Wood.

Going to Kawartha

The junior Red Hawks badminton team travelled to Thomas A. Stewart and came up against some stiff competition at the Kawartha qualifier. The team played solidly and respectfully. Seven members qualified to play in next week's Kawartha badminton tournament.

Placing fourth was boys' singles player Chris Thompson, second place by mixed doubles' team of Hannah Klose and Dylan Smith, first place for the boys' doubles team of Mat Wilbee and Ben Schmidt and the girls' doubles team of Jamie Little and Kenndal Marsden.

Submitted by Judi Paul

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Sanderson home ruined by fire

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Many in Wilberforce wish to extend to Nadeen and Kenneth Sanderson their concerns for them as they cope with the near destruction of their home last week. Late Monday evening on April 6 fire that began in the garage quickly spread. Thanks to smoke detectors Ken and Nadeen and their cat Bear escaped. The fire department arrived promptly and saved some of the house. With fire, smoke and water damage their home will require major work before this elderly couple can reside there again.

To cheer them, a group of friends met on Friday at the diner with a birthday cake for Ken. It was his 91st birthday. They will remember to cheer Nadeen later this spring when she celebrates her 84th.

What could be more enjoyable especially for older folks than an afternoon of hanging out with old friends and family? There will be an opportunity to do just that on Saturday, April 25 when there will be a reunion of friends turning 80 years of age.

This community event arranged under the leadership of Mary (Saunders) Harnden will be held at the Lloyd Watson Memorial Centre between 1 and 5 p.m. that day. This special event including food is being provided by over 20 people born in 1934, 1935 and 1936 and their families.

Among the fun will be checking out photographs from earlier days that attendees are asked to bring and display. Old time music will be provided by local

musicians.

Everyone is welcome.

Recently a press release announced that the Wilberforce Heritage Guild had received a grant from the New Horizons For Seniors Program. The grant will fund a Virtual Culture and Heritage Project in Highlands East. The WHG, the lead applicant for this grant, has developed, operated and promoted the former Red Cross Outpost Hospital and Nursing Station as an historic house museum for almost 25 years. The Schoolhouse Historical Society (Highland Grove area) and the Gooderham Historical Group each very active in their areas are partners in this project.

This project has the support of the Municipality of Highlands East and will continue the work accomplished on their recently completed cultural mapping program.

Two websites will be created and populated with community con-

tent that volunteers from the three groups will work to provide. One site will be one on which cultural heritage, historic sites and folklore can be featured. It can also promote community groups and events for seniors.

The second website to be created will contain a biographic history of the geographic townships of Cardiff, Glamorgan and Monmouth featuring family history and family trees, photos of settlers, homesteads, tombstones, etc.

Technical equipment needed for the project will be acquired for each participating group and some that will be shared.

The work of the volunteers will be led and guided by a coordinator familiar with the area from work on previous projects here.

Expect to hear much more about this exciting project on our heritage and culture in which it is hoped many will enthusiastically participate.

Sympathy to two Guilford families

community news

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Eleanor Cooper
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The dear daughter of George and Sylvia Claridge, Gigi (or Gisella) Sgroi passed away on March 25, and our deep sympathy is with the Claridges and their extended family, now at the time of the

celebration of Gigi's life at St. Peter's Anglican Church on April 11 and the bereavement felt in the days ahead.

Earl and I enjoyed not only the Easter service at St. George's but also a later service at St. Margaret's, Wilberforce. The choir comprised of some of St. George's choristers, some at Wilberforce was accompanied not only by Bill, but also Mark Bramham on trumpet. When you attend St. Margaret's not only is the service a joyous blessing to you, but you are also treated to a scrumptious lunch afterwards in such a friendly atmosphere.

The Guilford Community Centre wel-

comes you to Canoe FM's Sock Hop on April 25. The event begins with 6 o'clock dinner before the '50s, '60s dance with music by Ron Murphy.

Another note of sympathy is expressed to the Bacon family on the passing of Bev Bacon on April 4. Bev and Lyle's family was well known to many former and earlier residents of Guilford.

We attended Shirley (Earl's sister) Rapson's 80th birthday party at the home of her older son Michael and Wende Rapson. Also in attendance: Kathy Stevens and Don Cooper, Janet and Steve Robb, Mildred and Cindy Cooper with Jane Pol-

lard, Pat and Ron Smyth, Kathleen Owens, Louise Cooper, Evelyn (Cooper) Bradley and many other friends and extended families.

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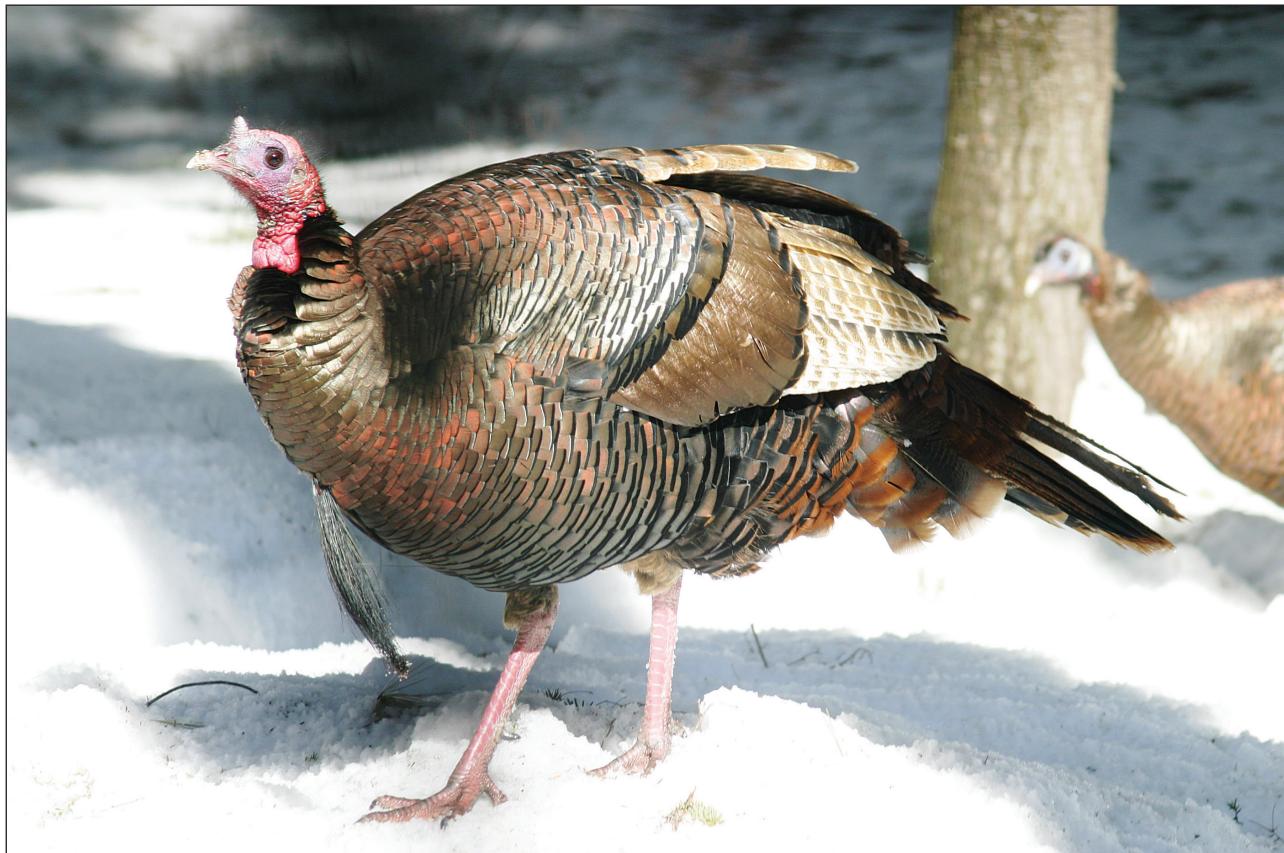
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Elaine Bell and Jack Bush spotted this owl camped out on their property off County Road 1. It was in search of squirrels or voles, the couple thinks. It's the first time they've seen an owl at their place in 15 years.

Wildlife in your backyard



Highlands resident Peter Magier appreciated a visit from wild turkeys recently and captured some images to share with Echo readers. The photos were taken near Peter's home on Little Cruiser Lake.
Submitted Peter Magier



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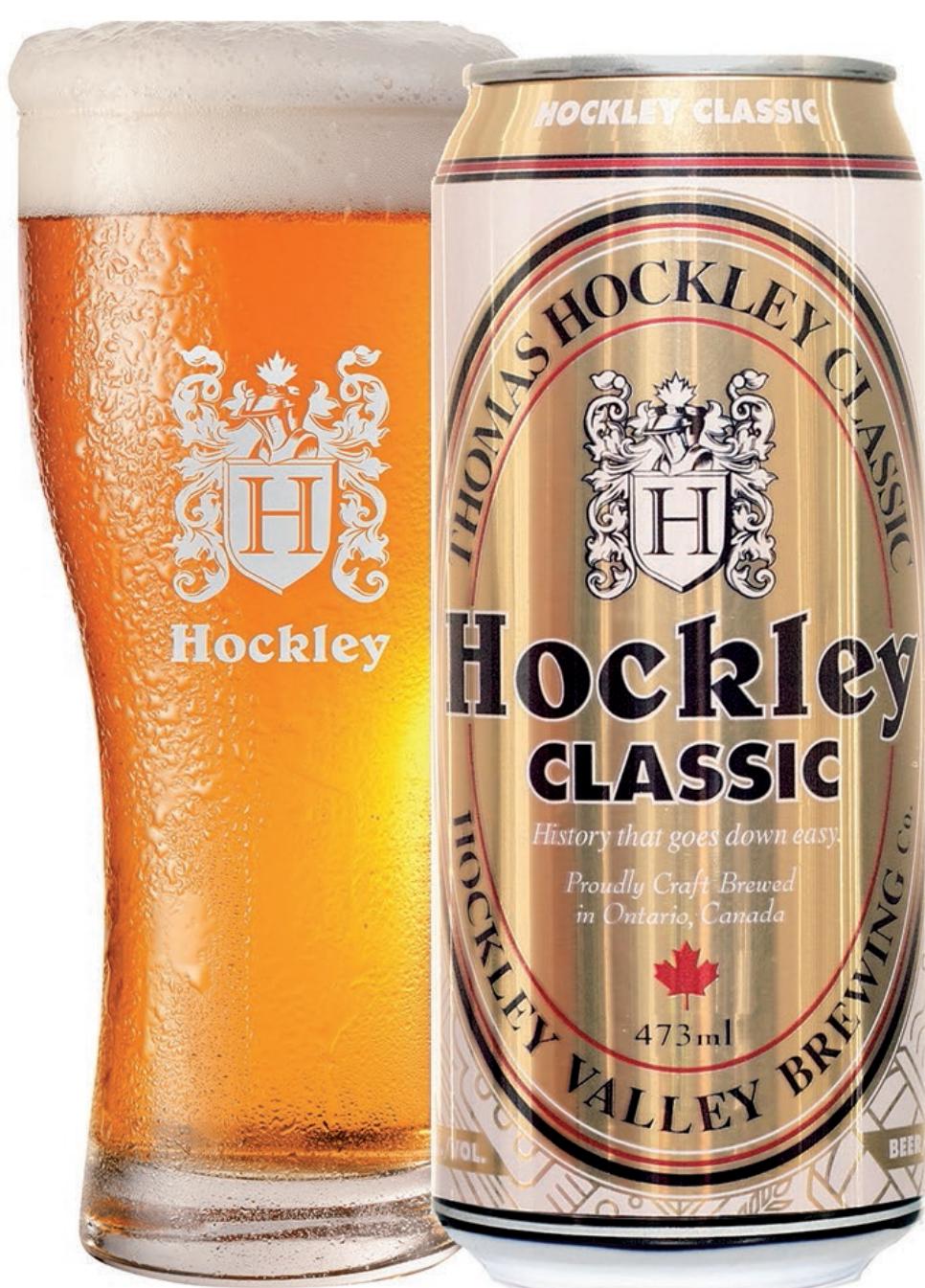
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580 NOTICES



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The seventeenth Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Corporation (HHHS) will be held on Thursday, June 25, 2015 at 2:00 p.m. in the Auditorium of the HHHS Minden Hospital / Hyland Crest.

2015-16 Membership in the HHHS Corporation is available to any individual who is a resident* of, or who is employed or operates a business in, the County of Haliburton or in the Townships formerly known as Laxton, Digby and Longford, or Bexley or Somerville of Victoria county, or Cavendish and Galway of Peterborough County for a period of at least 12 months immediately prior to the payment of an annual membership fee of ten dollars (\$10).

Membership in the Corporation entitles an individual to vote at any general meeting of the Corporation. To be eligible to vote at the June 25, 2015 AGM, new memberships must be obtained by May 1, 2015. Members of the Corporation are also entitled to nominate Directors for election to the Board.

The fee may be paid and proof of membership obtained at HHHS, Haliburton or Minden Business Offices, during regular business hours, or by contacting:

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Robert 'Bob' White
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Peacefully at home surrounded by his loving family on Easter Thursday morning, April 9, 2015 in his 91st year. Beloved husband of June White (nee Terry) for over 60 years. Loving father of Lee Anna White. Adoring grandfather to Shanna (Jamie Flannery), Rebecca and Alexander Gray. Great grandfather of Annalise Flannery and Aspen Gray-Shaw. Dear brother of Margaret Seguin and Rosemary Docherty. Also lovingly remembered by his sister-in-law Sylvia Ross, his brother-in-law Edward Terry and many nieces and nephews. Predeceased by his children Tina Mary Catherine, Robert John White and Penny Burchill, his brother Frank and his sister Kathleen Mask. Bob was an active member of the Royal Canadian Legion Branch #129 Haliburton and was a Veteran of WWII. He was a 4th Degree Member of the Knights of Columbus and a faithful member of St. Anthony of Padua Church.

Visitation, Mass of Christian Burial & Reception
Friends were invited to call at **HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME** 13523 Hwy 118, Haliburton, Ontario 705-457-9209 on Sunday, April 12, 2015 from 2 - 4 & 6 - 8 p.m. Parish Prayers was recited at 7 p.m. Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated in the ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA CHURCH 27 Victoria St. Haliburton, Ontario on Monday, April 13, 2015 at 12 noon. Spring interment St. Anthony Of Padua Cemetery, Haliburton. As expressions of sympathy, donations to St. Anthony Of Padua Roof Fund or Community Care Access Centre (CCAC) would be greatly appreciated by the family.

A Legion Service was held at the Funeral Home on Sunday evening at 6 p.m.
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Virginia 'Kirk' Biljetina (nee Stevenson)
(Resident of Haliburton, Ontario)

Peacefully in Haliburton, Ontario on Friday, April 10, 2015, at the age of 72. Beloved wife of Nikola Biljetina, and loving mother of Matthew Biljetina, Dawn Biljetina and her husband Robert Sparrow. Kirk was one of twelve children born to Robert and Lillian Stevenson, July 4, 1942, in Drumbo, Ontario. She was a devoted sister to Shirley Livingston (Bruce) of Sooke BC., the late Audrey Fitzgerald (Floyd) of Port Hope ON., Jean Salway (late Harry) of Brantford ON., Roy Stevenson (Jeanne) of Lac Du Bonnet, Manitoba, the late June Lewis (late Robert) of Woodstock ON., Eloise Stevenson of Woodstock ON., infant sister Lillian, the late Marlene Stevenson of Elliot Lake ON., Gail Ashby (John) of Drumbo ON., Jim Stevenson (Ruth) of Guelph ON. and Jack Stevenson (Heather) of Edmonton, Alberta. She is also survived by many nieces and nephews. Kirk was a dedicated teacher, working in Brantford and the Hamilton-Wentworth Board of Education for 31 years, as a librarian and an elementary school teacher. In her retirement, she and husband Nick moved to Haliburton. She quickly became an active member in the community as a volunteer and parishioner of the Lakeside Baptist Church. Kirk is remembered for her generous spirit, her love of reading and sport, but most of all for her enduring faith in God and love of her family. The Biljetina family would like to thank the staff of St. Michael's Hospital, Sunnybrook Hospital, the Haliburton CCAC and the Haliburton Health Centre for their dedicated care.

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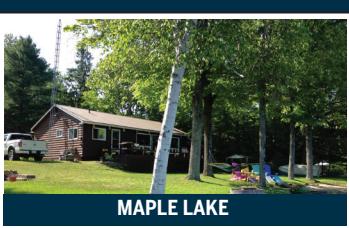
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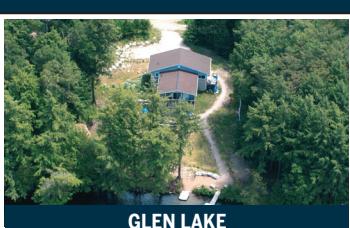
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Traditional 3BR cottage has great potential. Sand beach. Level lot. Great views. Year round road. \$310,000



BITTER LAKE

Affordable cottaging. Yr rd road. Sun all day, sand shoreline. Fish Bitter & Burdock Lakes. 2BR, 4pc. Garage! Very nice & tidy. \$299,700



MINNICOCK LAKE

Total privacy. 170' frtg, natural treed lot. Crown Land & share in 88 ac. Low maint Royal Home construction. Winterized 2 Bedrm. \$298,000



HALIBURTON LAKE

Very cute & clean 2BR cottage on water's edge. Private. Upgrades to cottage. Enjoy it year round. Great opportunity on this popular lake. \$282,500



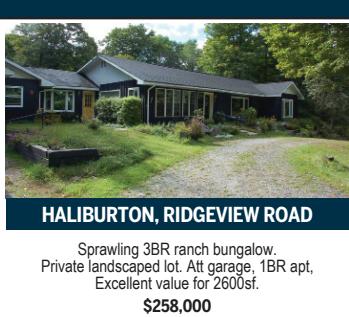
GREEN LAKE

Year round waters edge cott/home with gorgeous sand beach. Full w/o basement. Wrap around deck. Near golf course, ski hill, & shopping. \$279,900



HALIBURTON-SUNNYSIDE ST.

Walk to town. Treed private lot. Open concept, vaulted ceilings. Large wraparound deck. Huge recroom, Insul det garage. Nice design. Fresh Paint & Shingles! \$259,950



HALIBURTON, RIDGEVIEW ROAD

Sprawling 3BR ranch bungalow. Private landscaped lot. Att garage, 1BR apt, Excellent value for 2600sf. \$258,000



CHARMING HALIBURTON HOME

Walk to amenities, great home-business location. 2 stry, 3BR, totally renovated. Clawfoot tub, pellet stove, Covered verandah. Great character. \$248,500



WEST GUELPH HOME

Great potential with Commercial Zoning. 2.33 ac lot & 496' frtg. Att garage. Green Lake across road. \$235,000



HALIBURTON LAKE

Peninsula location with island feel, privacy all sides. Level lot, clean shoreline. Great potential with this 3BR cottage on a quiet lake. \$229,000



PINE AVE, HALIBURTON

Newly renovated, great neighbourhood. Nice curb appeal. 3 bedrm, large screen porch. All on one level, landscaped, private back yard. \$214,900



WEST OF HALIBURTON

Sprawling 5BR bungalow with many upgrades. Dbl det garage. Huge deck. Very spacious family home. Lake access nearby. \$165,000



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